





Agency	 Step 1: Transportation Planning Process	 Step 2: Scoping 
State DOTs FHWA	Oversight of CLRP/STIP process, including provisions for public involvement, consideration of community and environmental resources, and awareness of Federal, State, and local requirements, goals, and objectives (such as NEPA, Section 106, Section 404, Section 4(f), land use policies, livable communities, etc.). FHWA Conformity Determination in cooperation with EPA. Circulate final planning level Purpose & Need Statement, if applicable. Request concurrence from agencies.	Introduce project at interagency review meeting, scoping meeting, or field meeting of project area to understand the general transportaion, environmental resource, & coommunity issues. Identify preliminary study area with agencies and begin environmental inventory Determine appropriate participation of local officials, public, interested parties (Section 106), and other stakeholders. Coordinate assessment methodologies, level of detail, project timeline, and resource needs, and identify applicable Federal, State, and local requirements,, goals, and objectives (such as NEPA, Section 106, Section 404, Section 4(f), land use policies, livable communities, etc.). Prepare Notice of Intent. Send invitation to cooperating agencies. Formal notification of Section 106 project initiation. Start informal Section 7 consultation, if necessary
MPO	Prepare LRP conformity analysis & meet with EPA & State air quality agencies to discuss conformity concerns, as appropriate. Identify key priority projects in LRP, CMS (where applicable), and DOT/State agency programs. Coordinate LRP through meeting with agencies to discuss priorities, information needs, and data available. Develop planning level Purpose & Need Statements for priority projects with DOT. Complete LRP conformity determination.	Review project scope for consistency with planning level Purpose & Need Statement. Presentation with DOT on LRP to all stakeholders. Explain rationale for mode selection in LRP. Explain rationale for elimination of alternatives or options in LRP/CMS  At some point in process between LRP and prior to the ROD, a TIP Conformity Determination must be completed if applicable.
All State & Federal Resource & Regulatory Agencies	Promote coordination of transportation & land use planning. Identify information needed to expedite reviews at project stage. Provide existing environmental data to MPO's when available. Meet with MPO & DOT to discuss priority projects, and environmental concerns with LRP/TIP. Review & comment on planning level Purpose & Need Statement. Meeting with DOT to discuss comments on planning level Purpose & Need Statement. Concurrence or non-concurrence, if applicable. Initiate or Participate in conflict resolution.	Identify public involvement process. Review & comment on assessment methodologies. Confirm cooperating agency status.
Specific Regulatory Agency Actions		
ACHP/ SHPO/ THPO	See All Agency Block	
USACE	Participate in the Transportation Planning Process, as staffing resources become available.	Coordinate joint public involvement process.
EPA	Meet with MPO & State air quality agencies to discuss conformity & resource impacts of LRP, as appropriate.	aquifers.
USFWS	Participate in the Transportation Planning Process, as staffing resources become available.	
NMFS	NMFS will not likely participate at this early planning stage due to staff and budget constraints	






Planning Level Purpose & Need Concurrence Point

Agency	Step 3: Purpose & Need	Step 4: Alternatives Development
State DOTs FHWA	Refine planning level Purpose & Need Statement from Transportation Planning Process. If Purpose & Need Statement was not completed in planning, then develop project level Purpose & Need Statement. Provide draft project level Purpose & Need Statement for review & comment. Circulate final project level Purpose & Need Statement. Request concurrence from agencies. Initiate or participate in conflict resolution, as appropriate	minimization, and compensation. Distribute alternative analysis documentation.
MPO	Provide technical data to DOT to assist in the refinement of the planning level Purpose & Need Statement from Transportation Planning Process or to develop project level Purpose & Need Statement.	Explain rationale for mode selection in LRP.
All State & Federal Review & Regulatory Agencies	Review & comment on project level Purpose & Need Statement. Meeting with DOT to discuss comments on project level Purpose & Need Statement. Concurrence or non-concurrence	interagency meeting(s). Investigate mitigation opportunities.
Specific Regulatory Agency Actions		Specific Regulatory Agency Actions
ACHP/ SHPO/ THPO	Coordinate with FHWA to assess information needs. Review known resources in study area for concurrence with eligibility.	Consider public input. Preliminary Assessment of Effects.
USACE	Review and concur on 404 Project Purpose.	
EPA	Define 404 Project Purpose in conjunction with applicant.	
USFWS	See All Agency Block	
NMFS	See All Agency Block	

Alternatives Carried Forward Concurrence Point



Agency	Step 5: Detailed Alternatives Analysis & Draft NEPA Document	Conceptual Mitigation Plan	Preferred Alternative & Conceptual Mitigation Plan Concurrence Point	Step 7: Final NEPA Document
State DOTs FHWA	Collect additional field level environmental resource & community data. Conduct detailed technical analyses and refine engineering of alternatives. Write Biological Assessment & report results in Draft NEPA document. Circulate pre-Draft NEPA document to cooperating agencies and others, if requested. Resolve concerns to the fullest extent possible prior to issuing Draft NEPA document. FHWA approves Draft NEPA document, circulates to agencies, advertises Notice of Availability and Joint Public Notice. Public Hearing (if necessary) to fulfill NEPA & Department of Army permit. Submit Department of Army permit application.	Review public and agency comments/concerns & coordinate with Cooperating Agencies. DOT identifies preferred alternative and conceptual mitigation plan with stakeholder involvement. Coordinate meeting to refine mitigation plans. Initiate formal Section 7 consultation, if appropriate. Develop MOA for Section 106 impacts. Make presentation to MPO on preferred alternative.		document. advertises Notice of Availability.
MPO	Review pre-Draft NEPA Document for consistency with LRP/TIP. If project is not in the TIP, than MPO should add it to the TIP. TIP conformity determination, if necessary.	See All Agency Block		See All Agency Block
All State & Federal Resource & Regulatory Agencies	Participate in the development of technical information and conclusions on impacts to resources. Review and comment on pre-draft NEPA document. Participate in meeting to discuss comments on pre-Draft NEPA document. Review and comment on revised pre-Draft NEPA document. Review & provide written comments on Draft NEPA document.	Meet to discuss DOT's preferred alternative, resolve outstanding issues, additional information requirements and conduct field views, if necessary. Provide comments on mitigation goals and strategies and meet to develop overall plan. Participate in field meeting to refine mitigation plan & select mitigation sites. Develop checklist of minimization/mitigation measures to be incorporated into project design. Concurrence, non-concurrence, or comment on preferred alternative and conceptual mitigation plan.		Review revised pre-Final NEPA document. Initiate CEQ referral, if appropriate.
Specific Regulatory Agency Actions				
ACHP/ SHPO/ THPO	Review detailed studies of identification & evaluation of historic resources for concurrence. Direct FHWA to seek formal Determination of Eligibility, if necessary. Review, comment, and provide concurrence on Determination of Effects. Include Determination of Effects in Draft NEPA document. resources.	Coordinate with FHWA/DOT to refine Area of Potential Effect & Determination of Effects for preferred alternative. Consult to resolve adverse effects. Develop Memorandum of Agreement. Consider public input on recommended mitigation. Review MOA for adequacy of mitigation and consistency with the preferred alternative. Execute MOA.		
USACE	Review and determine adequacy of wetland and other aquatic resource mapping. If a preferred alternative is recommended by the transportation agency in the pre-Draft NEPA document, then review and comment on preliminary 404 (b)(1) analysis. Review permit application for completeness. Issue Joint Public Notice advertising availability of Draft NEPA document, receipt of Department of the Army permit application, Joint Public Hearing as appropriate. Participate in Joint Public Hearing as appropriate.	Review DOT's response to comments. Review and comment on preliminary Section 404(b)(1) analysis for preferred alternative. Develop checklist of minimization measures for aquatic resources to be incorporated into project design.		
EPA	Review and rate Draft NEPA document. Arrange meeting to discuss critical issues. Conduct conformity review if project is in TIP.	See All Agency Block		Review & comment on Final EIS. Provide internal rating to EPA Headquarters.
USFWS	Continue informal Section 7 consultation - avoid & minimize impacts to T&E species.	Conclude informal Section 7 consultation. Review biological assessment. Biological opinion written if applicable, effects determination, & development of measures to minimize harm on T&E species. Complete formal Section 7 consultation within 135 days, if initiated. Comment on avoidance & minimization for wetlands and T&E impacts (incidental takes statement). If jeopardy opinion, develop alterantives to proposed action.		the Final NEPA document.
NMFS	Continue informal consultation on ESA, EFH, and other resources of concern.	Complete informal ESA consultation, or initiate preparation of a biological opinion (135 days to complete) for formal consultation; submit conservation recommendations within 30 days of receipt of final EFH assessment. (Note:Federal action agency has 30 days to respond to NMFS conservation recommendations before EFH consultation is completed).		final NEPA document.

Agency	 Step 8: Record of Decision 	Step 9: Project Design & Final Minimization & Mitigation Coordination	 Step 10: Final Permit Decison  depending on the project and the level of design available.	Monitoring
State DOTs FHWA	Address substantive comments received on Final NEPA document. Coordinate key issues with cooperating agencies. Prepare & sign ROD, identifying environmentally preferable alternative, selected alternative & mitigation commitments. Include checklist of mitigation/minimization measures to be incorporated into project design. Provide copy of ROD to cooperating agencies and others upon request.	DOT coordinates development of final design plans, continuing to minimize impacts, where possible, in cooperation with appropriate stakeholders. Submit final plans to appropriate agencies. Incorporate mitigation commitments into final plans. Carry out terms of MOA & other mitigation commitments.		updates, as appropriate. implemented.
MPO	 Before ROD is signed, preferred alternative must be included in a conforming LRP and TIP.	See All Agency Block	See All Agency Block	See All Agency Block
All State & Federal Resource & Regulatory Agencies	Federal agencies participate in CEQ referral activities prior to issuance of ROD, if appropriate.	Review project plans to verify previously agreed upon mitigation & minimization measures have been Consult on changes to project & comment on further opportunities to minimize impacts to resources. Participate in field views, if necessary. Review & comment on issues related to final design details, such as stormwater management plans. Review and comment on monitoring plans.	404 permit. Ensure Federal and State agency consistency. stormwater management plans. Review and comment on monitoring plans.	plans. through field inspection. Review monitoring reports.
Specific Regulatory Agency Actions				
ACHP/ SHPO/ THPO	See All Agency Block	Monitor implementation of the terms of the MOA.	See All Agency Block	inspection.
USACE	See All Agency Block	Comment on opportunities to minimize harm to aquatic resources.	comments received to date. Determine whether project complies with 404(b)(1) guidelines. Prepare decision-making documents (NEPA document & ROD). COE's NEPA requirements. project and the level of design available.	mitigation requirements.
EPA	See All Agency Block	See All Agency Block	Initiate 404 (c) veto, if appropriate.	See All Agency Block
USFWS	Ensure necessary actions are committed to in ROD, as required by Section 7 consultation and biological opinion, if necessary, including reasonable and prudent measures in the incidental takes statement.	Approve design of measures to minimize harm to T& E species, as specified by the biological opinion.	See All Agency Block	See All Agency Block
NMFS	Ensure recommendations made pursuant to ESA and EFH, as appropriate, are committed to in the ROD.	Review plans to ensure measures are included to protect ESA and EFH resources, as appropriate.	of T&E species.	See All Agency Block